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A keen Swiss forward performs some aerial acrobatics but Lord punches the ball away in Sydney's first true international match in years.

F.C. Basel met with little success on their lightning tour of Australia.

They were held to a 2-2 draw by Prague at Marks Field, Sydney, on Saturday night before a crowd of nearly 12,000 spectators.

Then, a mere 18 hours later, they suffered the first defeat of their world tour when beaten 2-3 by Victoria at Melbourne's Olympic Park, watched by 15,000.

The crowds in Sydney and Melbourne were the biggest of the Basel world tour so far.

Monday night F.C. Basel played in Auckland and defeated New Zealand 4-1.

Full details on p. 3 and 6.

Yugal, Budapest favored in first Ampol Cup ties

The seventh Ampol Cup starts on Friday night at the Marks Field with the usual double-header programme.

Yugal, the holders of the Cup, have the honor of opening the series against Corinthians who will be making their debut in "top company".

Two former cup-winners, Budapest and Canterbury will clash in the late match.

Ampol Cup matches are only 35 minutes each way, with two 10-minute periods of extra-time in the event of a draw.

If the score is still tied after these extra periods the match will be replayed two days later or the following Sunday.

Yugal v. Corinthians

Yugal, despite their depleted forward-line, should be far too strong in defence for Corinthians.

The Cup holders will line up with their defence at full strength.

The might of Ringhoff, Mucillo, Lazarevic, Stojanovic and Dunaj is likely to present Corinthians with an insoluble problem.

The Yugal defence showed great form in a trial match against Prague last Wednesday week, Stojanovic in particular proving that he was right at his top despite his four-month visit to Europe.

Corinthians, as every promoted second division team before them, flopped in their initial trial matches against first division clubs, but are confident that they can create an upset on Friday.

This, however, is most unlikely as it is hard to imagine their inexperienced forwards breaking through the classy Yugal defence.

As a matter of fact even a single Corinthians goal would surprise.

Yugal cannot hope to score too many goals either.

Their forward-line is a weak, disjointed unit which Schwarz and Nincevic will have to "carry".

Dangerous, but often lethargic centre-forward Nincevic holds the key to the extent of Yugal's win.

Nincevic at his best, abetted by Schwarz and the wonderful halves, could inflict a big defeat on Corinthians but if he strikes one of his many shocking off-days Yugal may consider themselves lucky to scrape home by the odd goal of the match.

B'pest v. Canterbury

Friday night's late match of the double-header promises to be a close, exciting contest as is always the case when Budapest and Canterbury clash.

Despite Canterbury's good showing at recent unofficial trial matches, Budapest should have a slight edge.

Potentially one of the very best sides in NSW, Budapest could mature in 1964.

They are keen to start the season with a win in the Cup they won in 1960.

Budapest started training earlier than any other team and could reap the reward now.

Their main problem, again, will be to convert into goals their pretty, eye-catching approach work.

The rumored return of Galambos is likely to be a boon to Budapest, particularly since the lanky forward would be anxious to shine against his team-mates of last season.

Canterbury, on the other hand, will rely on speed, speed and more speed to snatch victory.

And in cup ties speed and direct methods, more often than not, win matches.

Anchor sheets of the Canterbury team will be award-winning goalkeeper Ron Corry and brilliant 17-year-old Dennis Yaager.

Corry's safe hands could discourage the Budapest forwards and Yaager, whose trial match form has been impressive, lead the forward-line to success with fast "one-two" square passes.

Canterbury officials swear that Yaager will be one of the top players in Australia before the end of the season.

Despite Canterbury's optimism—a well-founded one on current early form—I am inclined to favor the more polished Budapest.

—LOU GAUTIER

PROBABLE TEAMS FOR AMPOL CUP

YUGAL v. CORINTHIANS

K. SPIEGEL	1	J. BATHURST
H RINGHOFF	2	J. HERNING
J. MUCILLO	3	T. NIMMO
L. LAZAREVIC	4	R. HUNTER
M. STOJANOVIC	5	R. ROBINSON
F. DUNAJ	6	B. WILLIAMS
S. IVANICEVIC	7	D. TODD
E. SCHWARZ	8	V. IRELAND
A. NINCEVIC	9	A. MILLER
J. MEDINA	10	G. CLAYSON
J. DAVIES	11	J. HALL

Referee: F. Sbisa

BUDAPEST v. CANTERBURY

N. SOKOLOFF	1	R. CORRY
H. STEGBAUER	2	P. MUNSTER
D. BUCHANAN	3	G. CAMPBELL
S. ISAAC	4	E. McLEOD
P. BANICEVIC	5	G. GAILBRAITH
T. ZUCKERMANN	6	B. SENIOR
M. KRGIN	7	W. TRAVERS
J. WARREN	8	F. CUSH
H. RODRIGUEZ	9	J. WATKISS
V. FERNANDEZ	10	D. YAAGER
J. VASVARY	11	D. ZIVKOVIC

Referee: A. Boskovic

AMPOL CUP FACTS

WINNERS

1957 HAKOAH
1958 CANTERBURY
1959 PRAGUE
1960 BUDAPEST
1961 PRAGUE
1962 PRAGUE
1963 YUGAL

BEST SCORERS

1957 H. SCHUSSIG
1958 B. YOUNG
1959 L. B'GARTNER
1960 H. NINAUS
1961 H. NINAUS
1962 J. WATKISS
1963 T. JELISAVCIC

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1957 28,000
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1961 59,000
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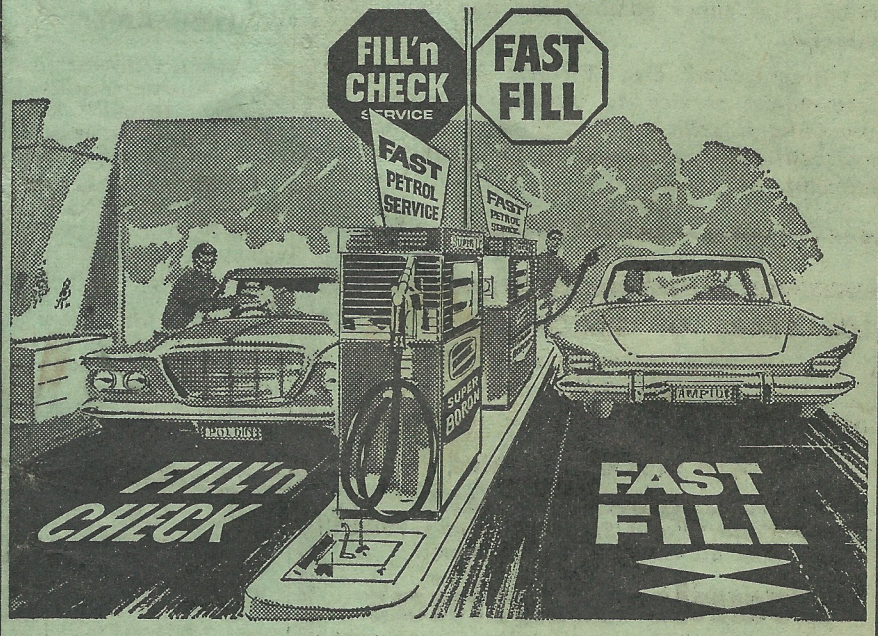

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EDITORIAL

Start of a new era

Prague's clash with the visiting Swiss FC Basel last week answered many a nagging question.

One of these was: how far behind is our club soccer compared with Europe?

It would be ridiculous to claim, on the strength of a single match, that we are on par with the Continent's best.

But taking FC Basel as a run-of-the-mill, middle class European team, our best in Australia have little to be ashamed of.

In the gloryless past any visiting European team looked as though they came from a different planet.

Whether they won by 10 goals or only one, their superiority was embarrassing.

As Prague proved it, this is no longer so.

Not so much the result but the style and trend of play showed two teams very close to each other in standard.

Of course, we are still a very long way from the Madrids, Milans, Benficas, Dortmunds and other crack sides.

But Europe has more FC Basels than Real Madrids, more average sides than star teams.

The myth, that ANY and EVERY European team is a super combination has now been dispelled.

Prague and also Victoria have done a tremendous service to Australian soccer by providing it with its first dose of self-esteem and confidence, so necessary for further development.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

With Paul DEAN

Ace Koln humbled on home ground by F.C.S.

Soccer's unpredictable nature, one of its greatest and oldest fascinations, came to the fore with a bang in Western Germany recently.

Pitted together on a snow-clad field at Cologne were the home team, FC Koln and the visitors, FC Saarbrucken.

Koln were as hot a favorite as you can in sport.

Leading by six points at the top of the table, they previously lost only once, at Frankfurt.

Saarbrucken, on the other hand, had a dismal record; dead last on the table with only one win and two draws out of 15 tries.

When Muller scored for Koln in the 13th minute, fans expected the goal avalanche to start.

Instead, within a five-minute period by the 33rd minute, Saarbrucken were 3-1 in the lead!

And this remained the final score, despite Koln's many desperate attacks in the second half.

Koln's coach Schorsch Knopfle, though bitterly disappointed, gave a lesson in sportsmanship after the match.

"Saarbrucken played very well and fully deserved to win", he said.

When a Koln newspaper reporter asked whether the snowy ground had anything to do with the defeat , Knopfle said:

"When we won 1-0 at Stuttgart, the ground was the same.

"But there we played better football."

W. GERMANY

After a four-year spell trouble-prone Meiderich winger Helmut Rahn has again been selected for the German squad.

Rahn, now 34, last played in an international on April 27, 1960 against Portugal.

His recall, despite a general poor opinion of his off-the-field behaviour, is an open admission by new team manager Schon of a lack of talented young wingers in the entire Bundesliga.

ENGLAND

Gerry Hitchens, the last of the Englishmen still playing in Italy, wants to return home.

He claims that it is hard for him to get on with his Italian colleagues and officials.

Hitchens, who will probably fetch close to £100,000 on the market, is also keen to rejoin Alf Ramsey's national squad and make a bid for the centre forward spot in the 1966 World Cup team.

YUGOSLAVIA

According to an Italian report, Dragoslav Sekularac was transferred by Red Star to Partizan for about £22,000.

This is exactly £22,000 more than the Yugoslav Association legally allows as a transfer fee in an "all-amateur" country.

Another great, Kostic has announced his retirement at the age of 34.

During his 14 years with Red Star, Kostic has scored some 1,000 goals in league and cup matches.

SPAIN

Real Madrid wants £45,000 for the TV rights on the night of their clash with AC Milan in the European Cup quarterfinal.

The return to form of Gento now fills Spanish hearts with hope for the tie.

Last month Gento grabbed the honor of scoring Madrid's 2000th goal in competition.

However, just a few weeks later rival CF Barcelona also reached the 2000 mark and the scorer there was Fuste.

BELGIUM

Old goalies don't die—just change positions.

Former Belgian international custodian Daenen, now 44, simply cannot do without soccer.

So he plays, at centre forward, with a small third division club near Liege.

HUNGARY

The most intensive preparations of all times are being made by Hungarian clubs for the 1964 season.

The majority of them are in the large and fabulously equiped Tata training camp, normally at the disposal of all Hungarian sportsmen and women preparing for important international contests.

Several soccer grounds, cinder tracks, indoor halls and swimming pools, medical and physiotherapy services are all at their disposal.

AUSTRIA

When Karl Decker quits as team manager next June, the national squad will receive a new boss for the "hot seat".

Present candidates are former star Ernst Ocwirk, Bela Guttmann and another ex-player, Patek.

Favorite to get the position is Ocwirk whose financial demands are modest even by Austrian standards.

PORTUGAL

Lajos Czeisler, the famed manager-coach has been made the official scapegoat for Benfica's inglorious 0-5 defeat by Borussia Dortmund: he has been sacked.

His club obviously ignored the fact that Benfica had to play on a for them unusual frozen ground.

Not to mention that star players Costa Pereira, Germano and Eusebio were absent through injury.

BRAZIL

Brazilian newspapers report that Pele earns about £130 an hour—roughly over £2 a minute.

"For such a fee I would have become a soccer player instead of politician", commented ousted President of the Republic, Kubitschek.

However, Pele's star seems to be declining and he was not even named by the Rio and Sao Paulo sports Press for the All-Brazil team of 1963.

ITALY

Helmut Haller, the stocky German "bombshell" has proved to be the best buy among all the Teutonic aces in Italy.

Since joining Bologna two years ago, Haller has never missed a match, has just celebrated his 50th consecutive appearance.

Fellow-Germans Szymaniak (Inter), Schulz (Roma) and Brulls (Modena) are also faring well under the azzurri sky.

FIFA

Sir Stanley Rous, president of FIFA, last week completed a four-week inspection of the soccer grounds of Mexico and Argentina.

Both Latin American countries have applied to stage the 1970 World Cup.

Argentina is strongly tipped to be chosen as the venue because Mexico City has already been given the 1968 Olympic Games.

Argentina has 10 stadiums with a 50,000 spectator-plus capacity and Mexico only four.

SCOREBOARD

BELGIUM (17th round): Standard v. Lierse 5-1; C.S. Bruges v. Malines 0-0; St. Trond v. Berchem 3-0; Beerschot v. FC Bruges 2-0; Beringen v. Daring 1-0; Antwerp v. FC Liege 1-0; Anderlecht v. Diest 3-0; Gantoise v. Turnhout 2-1. — Comp. leaders: Anderlecht 29, Beringen 25, Beerschot 24, Standard 23, Diest 21, Antwerp 20 pts.

HOLLAND (17th round): D.O.S. v. Sparta 2-0; B.W. Amst v. Enschede 2-4; M.V.V. v. Go Ahead 2-2; P.S.V. v. N.A.C. 2-2; Volendam v. A.D.O. 2-2; Ajax v. Fortuna 4-1; Heracles v. D.W.S. 0-1; Feijenoord v. G.V.A.V. 1-0. — Comp. leaders: P.S.V. 24, Ajax, N.A.C. 23, Enschede 22, D.W.S. 21, Feijenoord, A.D.O. 21 pts.

ITALY (19th round): Catania v. Atalanta 0-0; Fiorentina v. Lazio 0-0; Genoa v. Bologna 0-2; Messina v. Sampdoria 4-3; Milan A.C. v. Mantova 1-0; Roma v. Bari 0-0; Spal v. Juventus 1-3; Torino v. Lanerossi Vicenza 0-0. — Comp. leaders: Milan A.C., Bologna 29, Juventus 24, Internazionale 23, Roma, Atalanta 22 pts.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Ballymena v. Cliftonville 6-0; Bangor v. Glenavon 4-1; Coleraine v. Distillery 4-1; Crusaders v. Linfield 2-2; Glentoran v. Ards 2-0; Portadown v. Derry 2-1. — Comp. leaders: Coleraine 16, Portadown 14, Glentoran 11, Linfield 10 pts.

SPAIN (16th round): Atletico v. Murcia 2-1; Zaragoza v. Pontevedra 3-2; FC Barcelona v. Valencia 4-0; Sevilla v. Betis 3-1; Levante v. Espanol 3-1; Oviedo v. Cordoba 1-1; Bilbao v. Real Madrid 2-3; Elche v. Valladolid 2-0. — Comp. leaders: FC Barcelona 25, Real 23, Elche 22, Betis 20, Zaragoza 20, Sevilla 17 pts.

WEST GERMANY (16th round): Hamburg v. Munster 5-0; Koln v. Saarbrucken 1-3; Meiderich v. Karlsruhe 2-0; Kaiserslautern v. Frankfurt 1-1; Hertha Berlin v. Nurnberg 3-2; Dortmund v. Bremen 4-2; Braunschweig v. Munchen 0-1. — Comp. leaders: FC Koln 24, Schalke, Meiderich, Dortmund 20, Stuttgart, Hamburg 18 pts.

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PRAGUE COULD WIN SWISS TITLE, SAYS FAMED COACH

By LOU GAUTIER

Prague secured a place in Australian soccer history by holding 1963 Swiss Cup winners, F.C. Basel, to a 2-2 draw at Marks Field last Saturday night.

Prague were the first Australian club to play against a touring team, but will certainly not be the last as the match caught the imagination of Australian soccer fans, whetting their appetites for more internationals on club level.

Although Basel are not world-beaters by any stretch of the imagination, Prague's display clearly showed that we had underestimated the standard of Australian club football.

The Sydney premiers have nothing to learn from the Swiss visitors.

Actually Prague played the better football and would have won easily with more preparation.

Prague only started training 14 days before the match after a three-month summer lay-off.

With another two weeks' preparation they would not have suffered a lapse in the second half when Basel took charge for about 20 minutes to equalize, after trailing 0-2 at the interval.

Prague outclassed their opponents in the first half, playing some pretty mid-field football which non-plussed the dour, unspectacular Swiss.

Basel disappoint

Basel disappointed those who had expected them to display what we in Australia associate with Continental football: clever dribbling, short passes and individual skill.

The Swiss just don't play that style of football; never have and probably never will.

They are a solid, rather unimaginative lot with plenty of energy, relishing bodily contact and fast rushes down the wing.

They excelled at all that on Saturday but it was left to Prague to produce the individual skill and pretty football.

Prague have a knack of rising to the occasion.

They rarely disappoint in big matches, always managing to produce that little "extra" which make them the best team in Australia despite their 1963 Australia Cup losses.

The whole Prague team played above expectations for this time of the season.

Lord was magnificent in goal although he did make an elementary mistake in allowing the ball to slip from his hands for Frigerio to score Basel's first goal.

Fred Falzon was the pick of a steady defence.

The former Maltese international will be a great asset to Prague.

Blitz and Gauto shone in a forward-line where Tristram continued where he left off last season as Australia's most opportunist forward.

For the Swiss, their two guest players, left half Lorfel from Grasshoppers Zurich and centre-forward Frigerio from Lugano, stood out.

International inside-right Odermatt was unimpressive and did not appear to be in the same class as Gauto, Blitz or Scheinflug.

Referee A. Boskovic was his usual impeccable self.

Of him, Basel coach George Sobotka said he was the best referee encountered on their world tour.

Swiss amazed

The Swiss officials and players were full of praise for Prague after the match.

They said that Prague had nothing to learn from most first division European teams.

"Prague could win the Swiss championship," said F.C. Basel's Czech-born coach George Sobotka.

Basel president Lucien Schmidlin said that Prague were easily the best team his club had met on their current world tour.

"We are amazed at the standard of Australian soccer", he said.

"You were selling your football short when you expected a big defeat before the match."

Possibly the only person in Sydney who was not surprised at the result was Yugal stopper Mita Stojanovic who had said all along that no Swiss, Yugoslav or Austrian team would win in Australia.

Stojanovic, who spent four months in Yugoslavia, Switzerland and Austria during the off-season, said on his return to Australia that soccer in the non-professional Continental countries had declined alarmingly.

F.C. Basel certainly would be struggling to make the "top four" in Sydney on their display last Saturday.

Prague too good

Basel vice-president Ernst Thommen Jnr., son of a former FIFA vice-president, was pleased with his team's display against Prague.

"This is how Basel always plays," he said.

"Prague were just too good for us to play any better.

"As a matter of fact, we are very happy to have forced a draw against such a smooth-passing and technically well-equipped team as Prague," he added.

The Basel players all agree that Prague are at least one class better than the teams they met previously on their South-East Asian tour: the national selections of Malaysia and Hong-Kong.

This has delighted Prague officials who are keen to undertake an Asian tour this year.

How they lined up and played:

PRAGUE: R. Lord; K. Hiron, A. Falzon; G. Jones, J. Pettigrew, S. Sherwin; R. Blitz, B. Tristram, P. Hrncir, L. Scheinflug, L. Gauto.

F.C. BASEL: K. Stettler; J. Kiefer, H. Stocker; C. Porlezza, B. Michaud (injured, replaced by R. Burri), R. Lorfel; E. Mazzola, K. Odermatt, J. Frigerio, H. Blumer, B. Gatti.

Scorers: B. Tristram 8 and 44 min. for Prague; J. Frigerio 68 min. and K. Odermatt 73 min. for F.C. Basel.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 12,000.

WHO COMES . . . WHO GOES . . . WHAT GOES . . . WHAT PEOPLE SAY . . .

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Conducted by Einar Persen

Leo Baumgartner wrote to the Federation Management Committee seeking a review of his suspension from representative football. Baumgartner, it will be remembered, was banned indefinitely by last year's management committee for withdrawing from the Sydney team to play South Australia on Easter Monday, at Adelaide. Baumgartner was appointed captain-coach, as in 1962, but declined selection because he disagreed with the Federation's pre-match preparation policy.

APIA secretary Bob Walker has been besieged with telephone calls from Newcastle clubs in need of players for 1964. Newcastle officials claim that the standard in Northern NSW is at its lowest ebb and will grow worse. They point out that since 1959 when O'Neill, Morrow, Pettigrew, Lewsham and Sokoloff joined Sydney clubs there has not been one Newcastle player good enough to interest Sydney clubs.

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FANS were annoyed by the incompetence of the announcer at the Prague v. Basel match. The announcer mispronounced the names of all the Swiss players, got their numbers mixed up, made erroneous statements as to their record and kept up a continuous chatter for 10 minutes before the kick-off. This was the only flaw in Prague's excellent promotion of the match.

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BERNIE Harris is unlikely to play for South Coast United this season. Harris broke his long silence last week to notify club secretary Trevis Birch that he will return to Australia, but not before the end of July. Harris is on a working holiday in England and the Continent and reckons he will need that much time to raise the fare for his return. Besides, he is also enjoying it immensely. Should Harris return before the end of the competition proper, he will find it difficult to regain form and condition after a nine-month lay-off.

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TIKO Jelisavcic is the new captain-coach of second division Blacktown. He was released at no cost by Yugal to the ambitious Yugoslav-sponsored Blacktown. which have big plans to gain first division promotion within two seasons. Blacktown's application to the Federation to add "Belgrade" to their name was turned down last month.

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CORINTHIANS have switched back to their training headquarters at Trumper Park. The team will train on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

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THE Protestant Churches Association may affiliate with the NSW Federation. The Association is one of the largest junior organizations in Australia with a membership of more than 5,000. They applied a fortnight ago for affiliation with the NSW Federation and a meeting will soon be arranged between the Federation executive and the Protestant Churches.

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HAKOAH tried out a new Spanish left winger, Santos Gonzales, in their unofficial trial match last Tuesday week against Canterbury at Wentworth Park. Gonzales, however, had the misfortune to break his leg very early in the match.

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HAKOAH have loaned goalkeeper Charlie Horvath to APIA for a few trial matches. The former South Australian representative star will play for APIA against South Coast United at Woonona this Sunday. There will be no curtain-raiser to Sunday's trial match.

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FORMER Federation Public Relations Officer, Bill Kadison, has been invited to become the Public Address Officer for the 1964 Federation promotions, starting with the Ampol Cup this Friday. While on the subject of public address, it is hoped that Federation liaison officers Lionel Brown and Alan Woods will make sure before Friday's cup match that the P.A. is working at the Marks Field. A repetition of last year's chaotic conditions when the loudspeakers never functioned at Ampol Cup games should not be tolerated.

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APIA may play a match in the country next weekend. They may visit Parkes or Bathurst, two of the fastest expanding soccer areas in the country.

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YUGAL will play a combined A.C.T. team at Canberra some time in February. They have also been invited to play against the new second division club Wollongong Olympic.

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HAKOAH have transferred Len Quested to Cumberland United. The veteran Englishman will be the new club's non-player coach. Hakoah also expect to transfer Horvath and Handorf soon.

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FREDDIE Falzon, Prague's Maltese international fullback, thinks that Sydney clubs take trial matches too seriously. Falzon rightly claims that trials should be nothing more than leisurely work-outs to reach top form and condition, and not the all-out prestige duels most so-called practice matches turn out to be.

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LUCKY Haskakis, the young Greek who played a few first grade matches with Yugal last season when Kurt Spiegel went "walk-about", has been placed on the Pan Hellenic transfer list. Haskakis, a third-grader for Pan Hellenic, was only on loan to Yugal for a few weeks in 1963.

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EDUARDO Massey and his fellow Argentinian imports Puig, Bischoff, Rinos and Collazo arrived in Sydney last Monday. They were given V.I.P. treatment at Mascot Airport and appeared on television the same night. Their arrival was also broadcast on the news. The South American quartet will make their Sydney debut next Friday at Marks Field when Croatia play Bankstown in a first round Ampol Cup match at 7.15 p.m.

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APIA's training school for juniors started last Wednesday at the outer ground of Wentworth Park. More than 25 youngsters turned up the first night, some from as far as Liverpool and Engadine. Harry Hill, in conjunction with former Hungarian international fullback Gyula Polgar, is in charge of the clinic.

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ALL Prague players ran on to the field last Saturday night with a toy koala bear for their opposite number in the F.C. Basel team.

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TONY Boskovic had no language problems when he refereed the Prague v. F.C. Basel match last Saturday. Although only two of the Swiss players spoke English, Boskovic made himself understood by all the others as he speaks German and Italian fluently.

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SECOND division club Thistle invite boys from eight to 16 years of age to attend training at the Bankstown outer oval on Saturday morning, February 1, from 9 a.m. until mid-day. On Thursday, February 7, a special soccer film will be shown at the Scottish Hall, Weigand Avenue, Bankstown. Thistle also need more players for their senior team. Their new coach for 1964 is George Massie, a former Aberdeen player. This weekend Thistle play their first full trial match of the season .against .Melita Eagles .at Seymour .Shaw Park, Sutherland on Saturday.

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IT'S odds on that John Galambos will rejoin Budapest within days. Canterbury would like to retain him but can't: the player has an agreement that he will be released for the same £800 he was bought for, if he asked for it. And now he did, loud and clear.

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IT IS rumored that Cumberland United half-back Stuart Cousins may join a Newcastle club this season.

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CORINTHIANS are interested .in buying former Scottish second division goalgetter Norm Tran, now on Cumberland's transfer list.

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RUSSELL Haggett is due back in Sydney on March 2. Haggett played one match with Tottenham reserves while on Spurs' ground staff during his six-month stay in England. Another promising Cumberland United junior will be sent to England this year to improve his football.

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BANKSTOWN received word from Welshman Ron Hewitt that he will leave by ship early in February. He is expected in Sydney in the first week of March.

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FILIPPO Bottalico spent two weeks at Surfers Paradise over the Christmas holidays. Another APIA man to enjoy the Gold Coast was club vice-president Carlo Zacariotto who stayed at Surffers for three weeks. Both returned with striking suntans.

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THERE is absolutely no truth in the report that Yugal's representative full-back Joe Mucillo is demanding a £450 signing-on fee if he is transferred. Mucillo has shown outstanding form in trial matches and is expected to have a great season, coming close to representative honors again.

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BANKSTOWN'S promising young centre-forward Bill Denning broke his right leg again in the trial match against Sutherland last Sunday. The same leg was broken last year and his playing days appear over. Bankstown, incidentally, won the trial 4-0.

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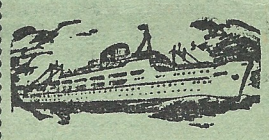

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TWO MATCHES THAT WILL PULL CROWDS

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

With "big guns" Juventus and Hellas on next Wednesday's Ampol Cup programme, Thebarton Oval should house the season's biggest crowd.

Juventus, after their promising showing against Croatia, will oppose pointless Polonia in the first game at 7.30 p.m. and should record their first win of the series.

The question being asked is, can Juventus overcome the loss of six of last year's championship winning team?

After watching Juventus' well-balanced display against Croatia, I believe the answer is yes.

The blow of losing goalkeeper Biasol was softened by the brilliant display of Lodi who proved a more than capable substitute.

The reserve custodian has been cooling his heels on the bench for five years and literally seized his opportunity in both of his safe hands.

Even without Di Bartolo and Pagani the black-and-white defence looked sound.

Given time to develop, Fodor and Lindsay should fit well into the famed Juventus attack pattern.

Polonia lost to Enfield in their opening game, their standard falling far short of that required to win the Ampol Cup.

The red-and-whites relied on experienced defenders but entrusted three juniors Mielnik, Hamence and Urbaniak with the task of scoring goals.

How this trio, together with Reynolds, Karolidis and newcomer Miller failed, is now history and it is difficult to see a similar indecisive attack succeeding against Juventus.

Hellas are on top of the world after downing Budapest and will be favorites to defeat Victoria in the late game at 9 p.m.

The inside-forward trio of Worthington, Lyster and Salabasides looked the goods against Budapest and should pave the way for a Hellas win.

Left winger Edwards from Port Augusta also looked good while Ferzer impressed more than Protopsaltis on the right flank.

Humbled by Cumberland, Victoria can hardly be expected to improve sufficiently to defeat Hellas but improve they must after their last inglorious effort.

Crisp Comments

With the Ampol Cup Final scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, the finalists will have only 16 days rest before the start of the 1964 winter season on Saturday, April 11.

The fixtures committee have wisely kept the Easter holiday period "soccer free" which will allow clubs to stage trial games during Easter and the following Saturday.

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Since the Federation advertised for a full-time secretary applications have been pouring in, and when this issue went to press more than 40 had been received.

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The closing date of the Enfield City sports quiz has been changed from February 1 to March 14.

Proceeds from the quiz will aid the grandstand building fund and the major prize being offered is a Ford Falcon De-Luxe Saloon car.

JUST & G. Cross slight favorites to succeed

— From Bob Low in Melbourne —

The "new-look" Juventus will stretch JUST to the full in this weekend's game which should provide fast and exciting soccer.

The Italians with the acquisition of four new players from Britain look better than they have done for years.

The Footscray side, last season's premiers, have their full 1963 line-up, a decided advantage.

Although they haven't so far reached peak fitness they are a most capable side.

A high scoring game may result with JUST slightly favored.

A bad start by both clubs means a battle for both points between G. Cross and Wilhelmina to have any chance of qualifying for the semifinal.

Both sides have problems but different ones.

George Cross have weaknesses at full back while Wilhelmina's attack leaves much to be desired.

George Cross are likely to field their latest capture, 21-year old forward Davie Goldie who played with Motherwell and Stanraer in Scotland.

An early goal could set the pattern of the game which will be hard, tough and direct.

George Cross may make it.

This is George Cross, cup favorites.

Polonia v. Lions 3-2

Two enterprising wingers, Kowalec and Katolik, saved Polonia's bacon last week against a stubborn and determined Lions, who almost caused a sensation by their display.

First-time tackling, long downfield sweeps and accurate passing by Lions had Polonia in trouble almost from the kick off.

A chip over from Beinroth in the 8th minute landed at the feet of left winger Harris who promptly scored with a good angular shot.

The applause had hardly died down when Watson got a long through pass and promptly netted a second.

In 20 minutes Polonia reduced the leeway.

A free-kick by Katolik found Jankowski whose shot went in via the post with 'keeper Voigt left floundering.

Polonia looked more purposeful on resumption and with Lions slowing down, the equaliser came.

Kowalec grabbed an easy chance to score.

Then, disaster for Lions.

Voigt dropped a corner and Jankowski had the easiest of chances to score and clinch both points for Polonia.

For Polonia, Dudon, Kowalec and Katolik were best.

Voigt had an unhappy day in Lions goal and might have saved two.

The rest of the Lions played surprisingly well.

How they lined up:

POLONIA: Putkowski; Gasior, Wrzos, Janczyk, Gross, Dudon; Kowalec, Jankowski, Jurecki, Zientara and Katolik.

LIONS: Voigt; J. Marth, McLachlan; Kleinhert, David, Schwartz; T. Vella Kneifel, Angstenberger, Watson and Harris.

Scorers: Jankowski (2) and Kowalec for Polonia; Harris and Watson for Lions.

Referee: Kandarikis.

Slavia v. Hellas 0-0

The least said about this game the better: it was 70 minutes of boredom.

The insipid display by the attacks was too bad to be true.

Scoring chances were frittered away like water running off a duck's back.

Slavia, with an acute centre forward problem, did look at times if they could pull the game out of the fire but inside right Harper found the one-man task impossible.

With both defences solid it was surprising that neither side tried to vary their tactics to press home an advantage.

When the final whistle came it was a relief to the crowd.

For Slavia Shepherd and Cook excelled in defence with Harper the pick-up front.

Tsitos, Kalogerous and Kourkoulakos were the best for Hellas.

SLAVIA: Barotajs; Shepherd, Ackerley; Crabbe, Cook, Sanchez; McMeechan, Harper, Blue, McDonagh and McCorquodale.

HELLAS: Tsitos; Kalogerous, Mantarakes; Margarites, Kourkoulakos, Xanthopoulous; Tsolakes, Papadopoulos, Mandalis, Kamboropoulos and Bedford.

Referee: Bartolo.

Polonia are the first club to qualify for the semis.

If JUST and Juventus draw, then both qualify for the semis, irrespective of the George Cross v. Wilhelmina result.

NO TASTE FOR FIGHT

What's gone wrong with the democratic set-up in soccer?

After all the turmoil of Federation, State League Management and club annual meetings a highly disturbing factor emerges.

A few officials are only prepared to stand if they have written guarantee they will be elected.

This sorry state of affairs must be deplored, especially in view of the many other weaknesses in our set-up.

Are these oficials—and thank goodness there are only few (at present)—trying to liken themselves to politicians or are they just blatantly big-headed?

If the normal system of voting is good enough for top overseas soccer countries then it should be good enough foor Victorian soccer.

— BOB LOW

C'LAND WHACKS IN FOUR, JUVENTUS HELD TO DRAW

Cumberland of Adelaide confounded the critics by crashing home four second half goals against highly fancied Victoria in the third round of the S.A. Ampol series.

At full strength apart from absentee Roy Felton, Victoria were expected to perform well in their Ampol debut particularly with former Cumberland star Peter McKenzie at centre-forward.

It was not to be, however, because after a scoreless first half Victoria revealed a ragged defence which failed to counter the Cumberland four-goal flurry.

How they lined up:

Cumberland: Homan; Stockley, Harlow; McFarlane, Shuttleworth, McKinnell; Lock, O'Sullivan, Connell, Falconer, Renfrew.

Victoria: Vetter; Lange, Frank; Welk, Gerken, West; Esskuchen, Schmucker, McKenzie, Stierman, Cunnett.

Scorers: Renfrew 50 min., Connell 58 min., Lock 73 min., Falconer 78 min. for Cumberland.

Referee: K. Candy.

Croatia displayed vastly improved form to hold a depleted but still powerful Juventus to a 1-1 draw.

Juventus were without 1963 season regulars Biasol, Di Bartolo, Pagani, Moriarty, Kristensen and Howlett, but with Lodi, Chiappin, Rusalen, Russo and Rosetto in fine touch the champions demonstrated that they will be strong contenders in this series.

How they lined up:

Juventus: Lodi; Russo, Rosetto; Chiappin, Rusalen, Jennings; Di Pietro, Fodor, Donnelly, Crawford, Govelli.

Croatia: McCabe; Frlan; Graham; Franjic, Irish, Lister; Vinicky, Cseri, W. Slager, McGreevey, Bilic.

Scorers: Donnelly 61 min. for Juventus; W. Slager 66 min. for Croatia.

Referee; D. Gardner.

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MARCONI IS A NAME TO REMEMBER

This club may soon be one of our very best

The promotion of 1963 Sydney Amateur Division premiers Marconi to second division was one of the first decisions of the new Federation management committee.

No club could deserve the honor more than Marconi—a club with a tremendous future, bound to eventually gain first division status and become a household name in Australian soccer.

The Marconi club have a £250,000 clubhouse and soccer ground at Bossley Park, which already places them among the select few in Australian football in any code.

Marconi were founded in 1956 when a group of Italian-born sports enthusiasts from the Fairfield and Liverpool districts met in a farmhouse to discuss plans for an all-sports organisation.

Two years later, on August 2, 1958, the official opening of a clubhouse took place.

The club owes much of its present success to former president Vic Fiorelli.

Fiorelli, however, retired in 1962 when he took over the fortunes of champion boxer Rocky Gattellari.

During Fiorelli's term as president vast extensions were made to the clubhouse and soccer and bowls established themselves as the star sports of the club.

Popular sportsman C. Pantano is the present president.

Rich properties

At the moment Marconi have at their disposal 16 acres consisting of two two-storey buildings, the soccer oval, picnic grounds and 14 bowling greens.

The club also sponsors a youth section which occupies the building where Marconi had their first club in 1958.

The youth club includes a huge ballroom, milk and coffee bars, jukeboxes and offices.

The soccer club is run by the Youth Committee.

Tennis courts, a gymnasium and a full-size swimming pool are planned by 1966.

Marconi have more than 1,300 members in all sections and are the leading sports club in their area.

Applications for membership are being received at the rate of 15 a week.

Turning to soccer, Marconi have had a meteoric rise to prominence since 1961 when the section was formed.

They joined the Southern Districts Association in 1961 and came fourth in the competition.

In 1962 the club finished second in the same league but won the Peter Miller Cup, the district's leading football trophy.

Marconi entered the Federation's Amateur Division in 1963, running away with the premiership.

Marconi also foster juniors.

Their under-18 team won the Southern Districts competition and some of these youngsters are already good enough to be included in the 1964 Marconi second division squad.

The soccer club is organising a membership drive to increase even further the strength of the game in the all-sports club.

The soccer team is known as Marconi-Southern Districts in anticipation of the day when, gaining first division status, they will try to capture local Australian appeal.

And reach first division Marconi must eventually with one of Sydney's best organised and powerful social clubs backing them.

Marconi do not expect to gain promotion this year, nor even next year, but have high and justified hopes that they will take their place among NSW's soccer elite before 1967.

This is the Marconi team which won the 1963 Amateur Division title, pictured here with leading club officials. Top; from left to right: A. Fornasier, D. Munari, R. Pagnuccio, K. Oron, H. Kwawegen, P. Paul, F. Bertoz, A. Santucci, V. Franze, L. Sartoretto, A. Del Caro. Bottom: D. Bagnarol, F. La Macchia, D. Squadrito, F. Baroni, F. Molinaroli, R. Lo Surdo, G. Foffano.

—Lincoln Walters

TRIAL RESULTS

HAKOAH v. CANTERBURY 3-2.

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CANTERBURY v. WOLLONGONG OLYMPIC 4-2.

M. EAGLES v. MARCONI 2-0.

TINY HOLLAND HAS 500,000 PLAYERS

Soccer's governing body, FIFA, last week released its four-yearly statistical report on European member countries.

The report includes the results of FIFA's survey into the number of registered soccer players, referees and clubs in every European country.

European data is always compiled first as South American, African and Asian details and information are hard to obtain and are often unreliable.

West Germany, as usual, boast the most players in Europe with 2,128,247, well ahead of Russia's 1,711,234 despite a four times smaller population.

England are third with 757,500 players, and France fourth with 512,345.

Holland's tally of 502,456 soccer players give her fifth place in Europe, a truly remarkable feat for a country of 11 million people as compared to France and England's 50 millions.

Most interesting feature in the list of European playing strength is the lowly position of Italy and particularly Spain.

Norway, Turkey, Scotland, Rumania, Greece, Denmark, Bulgaria and Belgium are all ahead of the Spaniards.

Published below is the official FIFA-documented playing strength of the 32 European member nations:

West Germany	2,128,247
Russia	1,711,234
England	757,500
France	512,345
Holland	502,456
Czechoslovakia	338,840
East Germany	329,700
Poland	285,418
Sweden	210,450
Denmark	172,000
Austria	165,795
Yugoslavia	164,608
Italy	162,702
Bulgaria	120,310
Hungary	109,810
Belgium	104,231
Rumania	94,854
Turkey	79,885
Switzerland	68,302
Norway	55,523
Scotland	51,110
Greece	49,226
Spain	47,946
Wales	40,703
Finland	24,820
Portugal	18,427
Eire	14,018
Northern Ireland	10,500
Luxembourg	9,057
Cyprus	6,798
Malta	5,614
Iceland	3,465

FIFA's report also lists the soccer colors of the European countries.

Red is the most popular strip.

It is worn by Albania, Belgium, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Russia and Wales.

Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, England, West Germany, Greece, Malta, Poland and Portugal wear white.

The eight blue-clad national sides are Cyprus, Finland, France, East Germany, Iceland, Italy, Scotland and Yugoslavia.

Sweden and Rumania are the only two countries with yellow shirts.

Three European teams have a distinct, original strip.

Northern Ireland wear green, Eire white-and-green and Turkey white-and-red with a green sash.

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READERS' LETTERS

Is Baumgartner young at heart?

As a Hakoah fan I deplore the club's signing of Baumgartner.

We were told by club officials that Hakoah would buy no players in 1964 and pursue a youth policy.

I can't see how Baumgartner will improve Hakoah as he is the very antithesis of Woods and his youth policy.

Fans will also recall how Baumgartner and Ninaus clashed on the field when they played together for Prague in 1959.

Baumgartner, despite his obvious glamor and brilliance, will not be the Messiah Hakoah think he will.

I, for one, will stop supporting them if Baumgartner's presence in the forward line means that youngsters like Bell or Clark are discarded.

L. Goldman
Bellevue Hills

Wild plans

Instead of indulging in wild plans for a big soccer stadium the Federation should, instead, make sure that all the suburban grounds are fit for first division football.

If spectators had reasonable amenities at grounds like Bankstown Oval, Arlington, Mona Park, Woonona Sports Ground and Drummoyne the crowds would be larger.

The Federation and the clubs should spare no effort in negotiating with local councils to improve these suburban grounds.

A 60,000 capacity soccer arena would be a white elephant as it would only be filled for a top-class touring team and about half filled for the Grand Final.

James Parker
Gore Hill

Welsh pen-pal

I have just read an account of Australian football in WORLD SOCCER.

As I read, I came across a fellow Welshman, Des Palmer. Although I am only 16, I can remember him playing for Swansea Town and Newcastle United.

I am a supporter of Cardiff City who are not having the best of luck this season (seven broken legs already).

I was wondering if you could find me a pen-pal who is a keen soccer supporter.

My regards to all British players, especially the ones from Wales.

K. Perrett,
13 Hanbury Close,
Town Centre,
Cwmbran,
Monmouthshire,
England.

Greatest drawcard

I am convinced that the Australian Federation is quite correct in assuming that the Everton tour will show a big profit.

The Sydney matches, alone, at the Cricket Ground, should draw near-capacity crowds of around 60,000 spectators, weather permitting.

Everton will prove the greatest drawcard ever to tour Australia in any football code.

Despite certain critics, tens of thousands of English migrants will turn out to see Everton.

These Englishmen are also likely to sponsor local club soccer if the NSW team puts up a good display.

N. Venetoulis
Marrickville

Club's "new look"

Established more than 10 years ago, the East Bankstown Soccer club is opening the 1964 season with a "new look".

Our committee is preparing to hire five professional coaches to assist players on all age levels.

The intention of the club is to co-ordinate both mental and physical approaches to soccer, boosting young ambitions in individualists to greater heights, and moreover to give a peculiar method of the game to the teamwork.

The club is determined to enter the Federation's Amateur Division in 1965 as we have our own club rooms and will own a ground at Gosling Park, Bankstown next year.

With the combined efforts of its members and capable officials the East Bankstown club is looking forward to the creation of new soccer champions.

J. H. Sutherland
Bankstown

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Newly united Queensland now has ball at its feet

— From LEN TODD in Brisbane —

In this opening article for 1964, I will be critical, but feel that my criticism also includes suggestions of value to our code, and help reduce some of last year's errors to a minimum.

Prospects for a successful season here are considered good, providing all clubs will co-operate with the management committee in presenting our game to the public in a suitable manner.

Unity in Brisbane and Ipswich has already been achieved, after two years of strife and split control, which unquestionably lost soccer much of its prestige and some of its supporters.

Now we have to face up to correcting this, and a well organised campaign must be put into action to bring back the crowds to our matches.

The campaign must be well planned, and to do this the Federation should make use of the best brains available, irrespective of club membership.

There are many good men not actually belonging to a club, who are at present prevented from taking office or working on committees to which they could bring outstanding ability.

What then are our most urgent needs?

State League clubs (how I detest that name "State League") are, in the main, opposed to our greatest drawcard, the "double-header".

I cannot understand this attitude, which I find parochial, but still, we must look for an alternative.

Increased charges for the coming season, while not unreasonable, will make our task of bringing back lost patrons much harder, which we can counter by giving patrons better entertainment than in recent years.

With our newly constituted first division, which now includes top clubs from the Association, we have it in our power to give the paying public a much better proposition than in the past.

With reserve grade curtain-raisers to State League games, which in my opinion are almost invariably boring, we have in attendance the followers of the two clubs alone.

If we put in a good first division fixture as curtain-raiser, we would have the supporters of four clubs attending, and with the new admission charge we could well afford to give the first division home team a percentage of a gate which, with the foregoing facts in mind, would be much improved.

Stop kidding

The time has come for us to stop deceiving ourselves about our patrons.

The two-year split did tremendous damages, which will take a lot of repairing, and to effect these repairs we must use the best possible methods.

I think the name "State League" should go, and I do so for more than one reason.

Firstly it is a complete misnomer, as it is made up of clubs from Brisbane and Ipswich only, and therefore is far from being a State body.

The name is most confusing, especially to those who are not familiar with out set-up, and these are the people we wish to convert.

Almost every other country in the world runs its competitions as first, second, third divisions and so on with the first division naturally the top.

Why can't we do this here?

To call a collection of second division clubs first division does not improve their standard, merely stimulates in them a false sense of pride.

Let us call a spade a spade, and have our top eight clubs as our first division, and the others graded down to second, third etc.

There are some new faces on the management committee for 1964, and hopes are high they will put new life into this section, which, in my opinion, is urgently needed.

Our president, Ian Brusasco, has done a mighty job at great personal cost, but he needs men of vision and determination on his management committee to assist him to carry on effectively.

I feel the number seven makes the committee too big and very much favor the Latrobe notice of motion seeking to have the number reduced to five.

I also favor Merton Rovers' notice of motion seeking to give a player the right of appeal to the management committee against transfer fees considered too high or unreasonable.

I would, however, prefer to see this appeal go to an independent body, without club connections, just as I feel the disciplinary committee should be constructed.

As long as the present system of club members on such committees exists, we will have complaints of favoritism or victimisation.

Bill Forrester, unanimously re-elected treasurer, has done some real fine work.

He is a qualified accountant by profession, and brings a wealth of ability to the position of treasurer.

Free spending

However, I feel the management committee has not been always wise in the matter of spending.

There has been too much free spending which could have been considerably pruned without having any adverse effect on the promotion of our game.

Competitive quotes should be a necessity, except in particularly urgent purchases and other expenditures.

The one medium of expenditure which would undoubtedly benefit our game is the one which the management committee treated niggardly.

I refer of course to advertising, and I am gratified that some of our top clubs intend taking this matter in hand themselves for the coming season.

Advertisement of our games in both the daily papers, and also on Sunday is a vital necessity, and as we have received excellent pre-match space from the Press we would find that reciprocal treatment by way of regular advertising in them would help even further.

LET ME SUGGEST:

Emu Wanderers, Koala United...

We've six weeks or so before the First Division round one kicks off.

In six weeks, every point on the League table will count in a grim and gripping way.

Until then let's enjoy the Ampol Cup.

And in light-hearted way, in early season joy, join with me in contemplating a few of the quainter football club names.

It was round one of the Scottish Cup on the TV the other week that set me thinking.

From boyhood days I confess to being entranced by the name of a Scottish junior club.

They rejoice in the name of the "Jeanfield Swifts".

What an expressive and melodious club name.

How could they produce other than bonny football players!

But in the Scottish Cup, who held the mighty Celtic to 0-0 at half time and then only lost 0-3?

Why, it was Gala Fairydean!

What a club that must be.

Such a pretty and well-conceived name.

I imagine that to see Gala Fairydean play Jeanfield Swifts would surely have a certain something that even the World Cup final could not capture.

With Swiss football now in the news, it's in order to contemplate two of their famous clubs.

What caused Grasshoppers Zurich to be Grasshoppers Zurich?

And what of Young Boys Berne?

In flight of fancy I can see Young Boys—a fresh faced team of Tamandl-like ball-players with a brown-skinned, bald-headed but lithe centre half of 37 winters.

And piercing the Iron Curtain, Dynamos make the grade as a name, but Locomotiv, Torpedo and Partizan fall short; nothing romantic there.

Perhaps there is something to be said for the Irish side, Distillery.

Looking close to home, maybe we have failed to identify our clubs with the Australian scene.

Koalas still climb, emus roam and kookaburras laugh, all without the benefit of a football club name attaching.

Of course in Queensland there was the Dinmore Bush Rats F.C. a few years ago.

In Granville district there is the long-established junior club, the Kewpies.

Some scribe around Granville way might let us know how the Kewpies became the Kewpies.

Meanwhile, to me, a Kewpie remains a dolly.

And the expression "She is a dolly!" still means plenty to young and not so young hearts.

Which reminds me of the Newcastle junior club —Redhead.

Enough said.

And not a word to Bessie about this!

Grasshoppers, Young Boys, Jeanfield Swifts, and now Gala Fairydean.

Surely football must be the richer for such names.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

TRIAL MATCHES

S.C.U. v. APIA — Woonona Oval, 3 p.m.
Prague v. Pan Hellenic — Wentworth Pk., 3.30 p.m.
Budapest v. Bankstown — Gladesv'le Oval 4.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

AMPOL CUP

Croatia v. Bankstown — Marks Field 7.15 p.m.
Hakoah v. Cumberland — Marks Field 9.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

TRIAL MATCHES

S.C.U. v. Prague — Woonona Oval 3.30 p.m.

THE SWISS IN MELBOURNE:

BASEL LUCKY TO ONLY LOSE 2-3

A 3-2 victory was a poor reward for Victoria's overall superiority all through against Swiss cup winners F.C. Basel at Olympic Park on Sunday.

A crowd of 15,000 paid over £6000 at the gates.

The Victorian side got off to a flying start when Jurecki scored a great goal in six minutes.

The Basel team were on the defensive for long stretches in the first half and only glaring misses by Margarites and Stankovic prevented the home side going further ahead.

After 29 minutes Basel surprisingly drew level when Blumer scored.

On resumption Victoria again missed easy chances and Margarites was again the biggest sinner.

However, in the 50th minute Stankovic made amends for earlier misses when he scored to again put Victoria in the lead.

The pace was now slackening and Frigerio at centre pounced on a long through ball to equalise with a high drive.

Victoria went all out for the winner and it came seconds before the final whistle.

Campbell made the opening and left winger Stankovic mesmerised the Basel defence to score the vital goal of the game.

VICTORIA: Putkowski; Rasic, Ackerley; Janczyk, Van Alphen, Micic; Campbell, Margarites, Jurecki, Zientara ,Stankovic.

F.C. BASEL: Stettler; Porlezza, Burri, Stocker, Kiefer, Lorfel; Pfirter, Odermatt, Frigerio, Blumer, Gatti.

Referee: L. Cadelli.

For Victoria Van Alphen, Janczyk, Jurecki and Stankovic were best.

For Basel Porlezza, Kiefer and Blumer played well.

—Bob Low

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